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21 April 1964  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Atomic, Biological and Chemical Division, OSI

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Reported Cylindrical Drums, San Cristobal MRBM, Cuba  
(22-40N 83-17W)

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C-SI-4-81,136  
(b) CIA/PID Project C 462-64

1. In response to your requirement dated 4 March 1964, an analysis of a support area at San Cristobal MRBM Site 1 was performed to determine the use of cylindrical drums having concave end sections.

2. Further analysis indicates that the initial interpretation was erroneous. There are no cylindrical drums with concave end sections present at this site. The subject items reported as drums with concave end sections are, in fact, circular bales of wire lying on their sides in rows. Only the diameter of these bales is consistent and the lengths of the rows vary. The sun angle present at the time of the low level mission of [REDACTED] shows these bales appearing as having concave end sections. This interpretation was made from non-stereo photography. Other kinds of wire bales are also present within the area.

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The wire bales are located in the construction support area for San Cristobal MRBM Site 1. Provided herewith is an annotated print showing the subject wire bales and other selected items of interest throughout the area. The following annotations are keyed to the enclosed print:

- A. Subject wire bales
- B. Other wire bales
- C. Small packing crates
- D. Corrugated arches
- E. Concrete mixer and spreader spares (2)
- F. Forming materials
- G. Concrete conduit sections
- H. Lumber
- I. Conduit and pipe

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Annotations keyed to enclosed print (continued):

- J. Oxidizer transport trailer (1) and high pressure gas bottle
- K. Mobile service platforms (3)
- L. Mobile cranes (4)
- M. Bulldozers (2) and fork-lifts (2)
- \*N. Storage sheds
- O. Single-axle generator trailers (2)

REFERENCES

Photography:

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3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2078 should you have any further questions concerning this project.

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4. This project is considered to be complete.

Enclosures:

- 1 - Annotated print  
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